

**236.110 Inspection of boilers and pressure vessels required -- Certificate inspection
-- Periods of inspection -- Penalty for falsifying certificate of inspection.**

- (1) Each boiler or pressure vessel used or proposed to be used within this state, except boilers or pressure vessels exempt under KRS 236.060, shall be thoroughly inspected as to their construction, installation, and condition as follows:
 - (a) Power boilers shall receive a certificate inspection annually which shall be an internal inspection where construction permits; otherwise it shall be as complete an inspection as possible. Such boilers shall also be externally inspected while under pressure if possible.
 - (b) Low pressure steam or vapor heating boilers, hot water heating boilers, and hot water supply boilers shall receive a certificate inspection biennially; said inspection shall include internal inspection where construction permits. External inspections are required where construction does not permit internal inspection.
 - (c) Pressure vessels shall be inspected at time of installation to ascertain that they are in conformance with KRS 236.040. Subsequent reinspections, if any, shall be set by regulation of the office.
 - (d) A grace period of two (2) months beyond the periods specified in paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of this subsection may elapse between inspections.
 - (e) The office may at its discretion permit longer periods between inspections.
 - (f) All new boiler or pressure vessel installations to be used within this state, excepting boilers or pressure vessels exempted under KRS 236.060, shall be inspected during the installation period to ascertain that all pressure piping conforms to the requirements of KRS 236.040. An inspection certificate may not be issued on any new installation until these requirements are fulfilled.
 - (g) It shall be the responsibility of the installing contractor to request the above inspection by notifying the boiler inspection section of the state fire marshal's office that the installation is ready for such inspection. This must be accomplished prior to covering of any welded or mechanical joints on pressure piping or valves by insulation, paint, or structural materials. The contractor shall provide ready access for the inspector to all parts of the piping system.
 - (h) Inspection of pressure piping applies only to new boiler or pressure vessel installations, or reinstallations, or installation of secondhand boilers (as defined under "Boiler Rules and Regulations"). No annual or biennial reinspection is required once the system has been approved.
 - (i) "Existing installations," as applied to inspection of piping systems is defined as any boiler and piping system completed and approved for operation prior to July 1, 1970. Such existing installations will not be subject to the foregoing piping inspection unless adjudged patently unsafe for operation by a boiler inspector holding a commission issued by the National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors. If an existing installation is so adjudged the owner will be granted full rights of appeal as set forth under KRS 236.150.

- (j) At such time as an existing installation undergoes extensive overhaul or more than fifty (50) linear feet of pressure piping requires renewal or is added to the existing system, the entire system of piping carrying pressure emanating from the boilers shall be subject to inspection and will be brought up to standards required by KRS 236.040.
- (k) The installing contractor of a piping system carrying pressure emanating from a boiler or pressure vessel subject to inspection under provisions of KRS 236.050 to 236.150, shall pay to the office, upon completion of inspection, fees in accordance with a schedule set up by the board and approved by the executive director.
- (l) Operation of a pressure piping system in conjunction with a boiler or pressure vessel, either of which has not been inspected and approved as set forth above, shall be subject to fines and penalties as set forth in KRS 236.990.
- (2) The inspections required in this section shall be made by a boiler and pressure vessel inspector or by a special boiler inspector except that all new installations shall be inspected by a boiler inspector employed by the office.
- (3) If at any time a hydrostatic, pneumatic, or any other nondestructive test shall be deemed necessary for ascertaining acceptability, the same shall be made by the contractor or owner-user, whoever is responsible for the condition, and be witnessed by a boiler inspector or special boiler inspector.
- (4) All boilers to be installed in this state after July 1, 1970, and all pressure vessels installed in this state after July 15, 1980, shall be inspected during construction as required by the applicable rules and regulations of the office by a boiler and pressure vessel inspector authorized to inspect boilers and pressure vessels in this state, or, if constructed outside of the state, by an inspector holding a commission from the national board as an inspector of boilers and pressure vessels.
- (5) No person shall willfully falsify any statement designed to secure the issuance, renewal or reinstatement of a certificate of inspection. Violation of this subsection shall subject such a person to the penalties stated in KRS 236.990.

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Legislative Research Commission Note (6/20/2005). 2005 Ky. Acts chs. 11, 85, 95, 97, 98, 99, 123, and 181 instruct the Reviser of Statutes to correct statutory references to agencies and officers whose names have been changed in 2005 legislation confirming the reorganization of the executive branch. Such a correction has been made in this section.